MINUTES - REGULAR MEETING
SANTA MARIA CITY COUNCIL

CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS
SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA

MAY 5, 2015

CALL TO ORDER:
Mayor Patino called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL:
MEMBERS PRESENT
Councilmembers Orach, Waterfield, Zuniga, and Mayor Patino.

Councilmember Boysen was absent for Roll Call. He arrived at 5:31 p.m.

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT
City Manager Haydon, City Attorney Trujillo, Deputy City Manager Barnhard, and Chief Deputy City Clerk Garietz.

PUBLIC COMMENT:
There were no requests to speak.

RECESS:
Mayor Patino recessed to a Closed Session at 5:31 p.m. for Conference with Legal Counsel –Pursuant to Government Code §54956.9 Subdivision (d)(1) regarding Daniel Ast., et al. v. City of Santa Maria, et al., 2:14-cv-02909-JCG, United Stated Federal Court, Central District of California.

INVOCATION:
Father Charles of St. Louis de Montfort Church gave the Invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG:
Councilmember Zuniga led the Pledge of Allegiance.

CALL TO ORDER:
Mayor Patino called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

ROLL CALL:
MEMBERS PRESENT
Councilmembers Boysen, Orach, Waterfield, Zuniga, and Mayor Patino.

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT
City Manager Haydon, City Attorney Trujillo, Director of Community Development Appel, Deputy City Manager Barnhard, City Librarian Housel, Director of Public Works/City Engineer Kahn, Police Chief Martin, Fire Chief Orr, Director of Recreation and Parks Posada, Director of Utilities Springer, Deputy City Manager Tse, Director of Administrative Services Visé, Community Programs Manager Coelho-Hudson, Utilities Business Manager Long, and Chief Deputy City Clerk Garietz.

CLOSED SESSION REPORT:
Following the Closed Session, the City Attorney reported that there was no reportable action.

1. PROCLAMATIONS/COMMENDATIONS/PRESENTATIONS:

A. PRESENTATION – WATER AWARENESS SCHOOL POSTER CONTEST
Water Conservation Specialist Ritchie presented awards to the winners of the Water Awareness Month Poster Contest: 1st place, AvaRae Melena; 2nd place, Dezirae Rodriguez; and 3rd place, Paris Razo; and Honorable Mention, Andrea Mora Porcayo. The winner for Best Slogan was Andrea Lemus. Ms. Ritchie thanked Ms. Stenzel, 3rd Grade Teacher from Tunnell School, for their participation.

B. PROCLAMATION – WATER AWARENESS MONTH
Councilmember Orach read a proclamation declaring the month of May 2015 as "Water Awareness Month" in the City of Santa Maria. The proclamation was accepted by Myra Ritchie, Water Conservation Specialist – Utilities Department. Ms. Ritchie gave a brief description of her work with school children and educating them about water awareness.

C. PROCLAMATION – COMPOST AWARENESS WEEK
Councilmember Orach read a proclamation declaring May 2-9, 2015, as "Compost Awareness Week" in the City of Santa Maria, in recognition of the efforts of the composting councils, extension agents, householders, landscapers, farmers, recyclers, public workers, composters, gardeners, and plant growers everywhere. The proclamation was accepted by Bob Engel of Engel & Gray, Inc. Mr. Engel presented each Councilmember with a gift of a potted plant and invited everyone to join his group Saturday, May 9th from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon at the Mussell Senior Center, for a symposium on Low Impact Gardens that use less water.

D. PROCLAMATION – NATIONAL BIKE MONTH
Councilmember Boysen read a proclamation recognizing May 2015 as "National Bike Month" in the City of Santa Maria. The proclamation was accepted by Bob Albrecht and Ken Dally, President of Tailwinds Bicycle Club. Councilmember Boysen mentioned that the City would be hosting a workshop regarding bikeways and bike paths at Shepard Hall on May 12, 2015, at 6:00 p.m. and suggested the public attend to provide their input.

E. PROCLAMATION – GO RODEO DAYS
Mayor Patino read a proclamation declaring May 1 – May 31, 2015, as "Go Rodeo Days" in the City of Santa Maria, and encouraging all residents to enter into the rodeo spirit by wearing western apparel. The proclamation was accepted by Phil Harwick, Santa Maria Elks Recreation – President.

F. PROCLAMATION – DAY OF PRAYER
Councilmember Zuniga presented a Proclamation declaring May 7, 2015, as "Day of Prayer" in the City of Santa Maria, and encouraging people of all faiths to participate in Day of Prayer according to their own traditions. Kathy Staples accepted the Proclamation and invited everyone to join in the luncheon on May 7th at the Santa Maria Fairground and various other activities during the week.

G. PROCLAMATION – NATIONAL POLICE WEEK
Councilmember Waterfield read a proclamation declaring May 10 – 16, 2015, as "National Police Week" and Wednesday, May 13, 2015, as "Peace Officers' Memorial Day" in the City of Santa Maria, and encouraging all residents to remember those individuals who gave their lives for our safety and express our appreciation to those who continue to dedicate themselves to making Santa Maria a safer place in which to live. The proclamation was accepted by Officers Logan and Murillo of the Santa Maria Police Department and the public was invited to the memorial event on May 13, 2015, at 10:30 a.m.

2. PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD
Raymond, a local Boy Scout from Troop 87, introduced himself and explained that he was fulfilling one of his Citizen in the Community Merit Badge requirements by attending a City Council meeting.

Donna Olivera spoke about the environmental Proclamations presented earlier in the evening. She emphasized the importance of water conservation during development in areas surrounding Santa Maria.

3. CONSENT CALENDAR:
Councilmember Zuniga requested that Item 3F be pulled for comment.

Councilmember Waterfield indicated that she would be abstaining from voting due to a financial conflict on Item 3C, Warrants, and requested that Item 3I, Ordinance 2015-05 regarding water and sewer rate increase, be considered for a separate vote.

Item 3F – Los Alamos Library Building
Councilmember Zuniga thanked City Librarian Housel for her efforts with the Los Alamos library and asked her to expand on the details about how the library will function, how much money will be involved, and how it fits in with surrounding libraries the City serves.

City Librarian Housel stated that since 1962, the County has had an agreement with the City to run the libraries in surrounding areas. Guadalupe, Orcutt, Cuyama, and now Los Alamos all fall under the City's responsibility. The City receives roughly $988,000 per year to run the Santa Maria Library and surrounding branches. Los Alamos will receive about $12,000 per year for operations at their library. One 19-hour staff member will staff the Los Alamos library approximately 16 hours a week. Friends of the Library will pick up some of the utility costs. Many of the students at Olga Reed Elementary School will be able to utilize the computers. Ms. Housel said she expected a strong collaboration between the library and school.

Consent Calendar Items 3A through 3I (except 3C and 3I) were approved on motion by Councilmember Boysen, seconded by Councilmember Orach, and carried on the following vote: 5-0

AYES:	Councilmembers Boysen, Orach, Waterfield, Zuniga, and Mayor Patino
NOES:	None
ABSENT:	None
ABSTAIN:	None

Consent Calendar Item 3C only was approved on motion by Councilmember Boysen, seconded by Councilmember Orach, and carried on the following vote: 4-0-1

AYES: Councilmembers Boysen, Orach, Zuniga, and Mayor Patino
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: Councilmember Waterfield

Consent Calendar Item 3I only was approved on motion by Councilmember Boysen, seconded by Councilmember Orach, and carried on the following vote: 4-1-0

AYES: Councilmembers Boysen, Orach, Zuniga, and Mayor Patino
NOES: Councilmember Waterfield
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

A. ORDINANCES
The reading in full of all ordinances and resolutions was waived. Ordinances on the Consent Calendar were adopted by the same vote cast at the first reading unless City Council indicated otherwise.

B. MINUTES
The Minutes of the Regular Meeting of the City Council of April 21, 2015, were approved as submitted.

C. WARRANTS
Warrant Nos. 192806 to 193071 totaling $1,650,400 were ordered ratified subject to having been certified as being in conformity with the budget and having been approved for payment by the Director of Administrative Services. Warrant No. 191922 was cancelled.

D. PAYROLL
Payment of payroll was ordered ratified subject to having been certified by the proper Department Heads, as shown on records on file in the Department of Administrative Services and having been approved for payment by the Director of Administrative Services.

E. TENANT-BASED RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM
Resolution No. 2015-36 was adopted approving a sub-recipient agreement with the County of Santa Barbara for operation of a Tenant-Based Rental Assistance Program.

Resolution No. 2015-36 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING A SUBRECIPIENT AGREEMENT WITH THE COUNTY OF SANTA BARBARA FOR OPERATION OF A TENANT-BASED RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM.

F. AGREEMENT FOR LIBRARY SERVICES
Resolution No. 2015-37 was adopted approving an agreement for Lease of Real Property with the Orcutt Union School District for the Los Alamos Library building for a 20-year period commencing upon the date of completion and acceptance of the refurbishment and rehabilitation of the property by the District and expiring on the 20th Anniversary of the effective date unless terminated sooner.

Resolution No. 2015-37 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING THE AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA AND THE ORCUTT UNION SCHOOL DISTRICT FOR THE LOS ALAMOS LIBRARY BUILDING.

G. TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT ACT (TDA) CLAIM FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015-16
Resolution No. 2015-38 was adopted approving the Transportation Development Act claim for fiscal year 2015-16 to include $4,799,528 for transit or paratransit purposes, plus State Transit Assistance (STA) funds, if available; $80,306 for pedestrian and bikeway facilities; and $78,700 for regional transportation planning distributed to the Santa Barbara County Association of Governments, to be allocated for mass transportation or local transportation planning.

Resolution No. 2015-38 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, AUTHORIZING THE FILING OF A CLAIM WITH THE SANTA BARBARA COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF GOVERNMENTS FOR ALLOCATION OF TRANSPORTATION DEVELOPMENT ACT FUNDS FOR FISCAL YEAR 2015-16.

H. LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE DISTRICTS
Resolution No. 2015-39 was adopted approving the Engineer's Reports for Assessment Proceedings. Resolution No. 2015-40 was adopted declaring the intent to levy and collect the property tax

assessments for each of the four Landscape Maintenance Districts and the 21 Special Benefit Zones, and setting a public hearing for July 7, 2015, to consider the proposed landscape assessments.

Resolution No. 2015-39 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING THE ENGINEER'S REPORTS FOR ASSESSMENT PROCEEDINGS.

Resolution No. 2015-40 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, DECLARING ITS INTENTION TO LEVY AND COLLECT ASSESSMENTS AND SETTING A TIME AND PLACE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING THEREON FOR THE FOUR LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE DISTRICTS AND 21 SPECIAL BENEFIT ZONES.

I. ORDINANCE – WATER & SEWER RATES
The City Council conducted the second reading and adopted Ordinance No. 2015-05 approving annual five percent (5%) increases for solid waste service fees each July 1, for the years 2015, 2016, and 2017.

Ordinance No. 2015-05 adopted. AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, RELATING TO FIVE PERCENT (5%) WATER AND SEWER RATE INCREASES ANNUALLY EACH JULY 1st FOR FISCAL YEARS 2015-2016, 2016-2017, AND 2017-2018.

5. FINANCIAL REPORT FOR THE THIRD QUARTER ENDING MARCH 31, 2015, AND A BUDGET AMENDMENT REPORT FOR FISCAL YEAR 2014-15. Director of Administrative Services Visé gave a report as detailed in the Council Agenda Report. The two funds being focused on are the General Fund and Enterprise Funds. Mr. Vise explained that, with regard to the General Fund, taxes received are noticeably increased from this time last year: Sales Tax by $786,000, Property Tax by $330,000, Hotel/Bed tax by $193,000, and Non-Hazardous Impacted Soils Program (NHIS) receipts by $1.5 million, thanks to an improving economy and land values. He went on to say that Interest Income is under budget by 11.9 percent with revenue at $228,000. Licenses, Permits, & Fees revenue is approximately $1,619,000 which is $352,000 greater than received in 2013-14 at this time.

Santa Maria's unemployment rate is at 7.2 percent, versus the 11.2 percent a year ago. As of June 30, 2014, the balance of the General Fund was $10,098,980. Revenues are less than budgeted primarily because property tax in-lieu amounts are not received until late January and late May each year. The City adopted the 2014-15 Budget with the intent of using $1.7 million in one-time Local Economic Augmentation Fund (LEAF) reserves to balance the General Fund Budget.

Regarding the Measure U Fund, revenues received through the first nine months are at 65.9 percent of budget at $2,565,130 whereas expenditures are at 68.8 percent. Administration expenses consist primarily of the levee loan payment to the Solid Waste Collection Fund for $106,130 paid in October. The Police Department was under budget primarily due to the vacancy of a police officer and police commander.
Expenditures are at 69.1 percent of budget, due primarily to City departments making concerted efforts to keep operational costs to a minimum.

Enterprise funds include Water/Wastewater Fund, the Solid Waste Fund, and Transit Funds. Water/Wastewater Fund capital expenses included water line replacement and repairs for approximately $500,000, meter maintenance for $163,000 and manhole rehabilitation for $136,000. Solid Waste Fund capital expenses included the Los Flores Ranch Development for $245,000 and Landfill Closure for $253,000. Fares received through the Transit Funds were approximately $4,000 more than this time last year and primary capital expenditures included the trolley bus for $424,000 and radio system for $257,000.

Public input.
There were no requests to speak.

Council discussion.
There was no Council discussion.

The third quarter financial was received and ordered filed, and Resolution No. 2015-41 was adopted approving amendments to the 2014-15 budget and authorizing the City Manager to implement same, on motion by Councilmember Boysen, seconded by Councilmember Orach, and carried on the following vote: 5-0

AYES: Councilmembers Boysen, Orach, Waterfield, Zuniga, and Mayor Patino
NOES: None
ABSENT: None
ABSTAIN: None

Resolution No. 2015-41 adopted. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA, APPROVING AMENDMENTS TO THE 2014-15 BUDGET AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO IMPLEMENT SAME.

REPORT BY CITY MANAGER:
City Manager Haydon announced the next City Council meeting would be in two weeks on May 19, 2015. He stated items for the meeting would include a number of Proclamations; several Consent Agenda items including an Agreement with the County of Santa Barbara Animal Control Services for 2015-16 and the renewal of the HOME Consortium Agreement with Santa Barbara County; the final approval for the CDBG Action Plan; the first reading of an ordinance for the prohibition of bath salts; modifications of the Stage 1 Water Contingency Plan; an Office of Independent Review update regarding the Police Department's progress with assigned objectives; and a presentation on portable surveillance cameras.

ORAL REPORTS OF COUNCILMEMBERS AND OFFICERS (INCLUDING AB1234 REPORTS):
Councilmember Boysen reported he attended the Central Coast Water Authority Board meeting, the Housing California Conference in Sacramento where discussions were held regarding the repeal of Proposition 13 and new ideas for affordable housing. He also hosted the new C3H Executive Director on a tour of various homelessness resources in the City; met with the City's Code Enforcement Supervisor and City Attorney to discuss commercial vehicles and RV parking in City neighborhoods; and met with a group regarding making the City more bike and pedestrian friendly. Councilmember Boysen mentioned a workshop the City will be hosting regarding bikeways and bike paths at Shepard Hall on May 12, 2015, at 6:00 p.m., and suggested the public attend to provide their input.
Councilmember Orach reported he also spoke with the City's Code Enforcement Supervisor to discuss the homeless issue in the City. He also met with the City's Recreation and Parks Director and the Manager of the City Rangers regarding potential solutions to homelessness issues on the weekends. He attended the All-America City Committee meeting regarding neighborhood watch programs.

Councilmember Waterfield reported she visited the Grizzly Academy in San Luis Obispo, with members from Santa Maria Joint Union High School District, and hopes to bring a similar program to Santa Maria; attended the grand opening of Heritage Square homes; attended the Latina Outreach Council Fiesta in Nipomo; met with a Windset Farms representative for a tour; attended the SB County APCD meeting; attended a meeting regarding the Lanterman Act (a program for people with disabilities that is currently being threatened financially); spoke with the Senior Club at the Mussell Center; and attended an event to honor Sister Janet Corcoran.

Councilmember Zuniga reported she also attended the event honoring Sister Janet; two events celebrating International Day of the Worker; and spoke on the Ben Heighes Radio Show.

Mayor Patino reported she also attended the Grizzly Academy tour; the SBCEO Advisory Committee meeting; the Ladies Get Loud for CALM fundraiser; a Fighting Back Santa Maria Valley Board meeting; the Day of Hope Thank You Celebration; the APCD Board meeting in support of the AB230 Threshold; the 7th Annual Spring Concert and Silent Auction at Santa Maria High School; participated in a fundraiser for the Elks Mini-Rodeo event; went to Disneyland as a chaperone with Royal Families (an organization that provides foster care for children); attended the All-America City Committee meeting; spoke on the Ben Heighes Radio Show; and attended a Rotary Meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:
There being no further business before the City Council, Mayor Patino declared the City Council meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.
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APPROVED:

May 19, 2015
Date

Rhonda M. Garietz, CMC
Chief Deputy City Clerk of the City of Santa Maria and ex officio Clerk of the City Council

ATTEST:

Rhonda M. Garietz, CMC
Chief Deputy City Clerk

Alice M. Patino
Mayor of the City of Santa Maria